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CATECHISM

Where he examines all the Ministers of the General Assembly, and all the Hired Clergy in the World, and asks Nine Questions of them, which none of them all is capable to answer.

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Y first Question to you hired Clergy, proud Clergy, ignorant Clergy, greedy Clergy, coverous Clergy, dum Clergy, or dum Dogs, I call you nothing but what the Spirit of God calls you; I shall direct my discourse to you, and

which I know by experience before I examine you. I must divert the Reader with a short History of my

Travels, before I come to the Qestions.

I went on Morning to Calder, long Eight Miles, fasting, because I heard that the Devil was in my Lord Tarfichin's Son; I thought I was the only man that could cast him out, I called for a Word of my Lord, he came to me to his Door, I told his Lordship, I came from Edinburgh one purpose to cast the Devil out of his Son; he would not believe that I could do it, he was like that Lord who got the Gates of Samaria to keep in Time of Famine, that Lord would not believe that the Meat would be so cheap, except the Windows of Faven should be opened; his Lordship called for some of the hired Clergy that was in his House, to pray for his Son, they came to his door, where I flood, I told them y Errand, but neither would they believe, then I' ent to a House where there was a Warlock and a Witch, watched by many Men, first I examined the Warlock, he confessed to me that he was a Warlock; John said I,

why did you take on with the Devil, you who was a great Protessor of Religion, and was at Bothwell-Brigg,

fighting against the King.

I shall say this by the by, all them who sights against their King, sights against God; this is plain in David, who was a Man after God's own Heart, he would not rebel against Saul, altho' he was a wicked Man, and David's mortal Enemy; in all the Scriptures we will not read that any Man is commanded to rebel against their King, be he never so wicked, which is plain in Samuel's Words to Israel, when they sought for a King; if they had killed Manasseb their King, who was Warlock, and made the Streets of Jerusalem run with innocent Blood, they would have killed a Part of God, as these Scriptures make it plain; John 17. II

and 21. Verfes.

Then faid John to me, wo be to my Wife for she had the cause of it; then said I, John what said he to you; faid John, he came to me in the Shape of a Minister, and faid if I would be his Servant, he would make me rich, my Wife being present, what the Devil faid, my Wife iwear it was true, I was made to believe them, wo be to them both, said John; for ever smeel have been poorer; then said I, John, what did he to you; said John, he put one of his Hands on my Head, and the other on my Feet, and made me swear that I should be a faithful Servant to him; Fohn, said I, will I get a Word of the Devil your Mafter; not at this time said John, then I went to the Witch on the other End of the House, she confessed she was a Witch, I examined her, neither would she get a Word of her Master, to speak to me concerning my Lord's Son, then I went to their Prison House, in the dark Night, and no Mortal with me, I called at the Window who was there, there was several Women in it as suspected Witches, they cried to me what did I want, I faid I want a Word of the Devil your Mafter, they prayed for themselves, and said to me he was not there; it is not good to middle with the Devil and the Laird's Bairns, which I know by experience, I chafed my Lords Son the length of Berwick; I faw my Lord's Son therr. but when I was about to cast the Days out of him, the Devil

Devil gave orders to my Lord Mayer, to cast me in a Dungon, where I lay near ten Days, and I got Meat once a Day, at last I was fer out, then I went to Newcastle, there the Devil entred in the Sogers, they drew their Swords to flick me; then I went to London, the Devil entred in the Candlemakers there; they chased me on the Streets to kill me; then I went to France, I went throw the King of France's Horse Gaurds; and his Foot Guards, to his Coach, I gave him a Book, wherein I abused the Pope, and cried up the King, the King smilled to me; but his Language was confounded, fo that I know not what he faid; None had Power

to wrong me in France.

Now comes the Questions to you hired Clergy, Do you suppose that Gain is Godliness, your practice fays it is true, and our great Appostle Paul fays it is not true, which of you shall I believe; would not I be as mad as you are, as to believe you before the Spirit of God, how dare you in your Pactice, contradict my great Apostale; or reither Christand his Spirit. O you Stffinecked, uncircumcifed in Heart and Ears, ye do always refit the holly Ghoft, as your Fathers did, so do ye, if any Man teach otherways, and confent not to wholesome Words, eventhe Words of our Lord Jesus Chrift, and to the Doctrine which is according to Godliness, he is proud, knowing nothing. Now ignorant Clergy, what do ye fay, ye hear what the Spirit of God fays of you; ye know nothing, I fay to you, as Jannes and Jambres withstood Mofer, so do ye also refift the Truth, ye are Men of corrupt Minds, you are nothing but reprobates concerning the Faith fays the Spirit, you may go back to the College, and learn to know the Scriptures, for the Spirit of God will teach no Man that trufts in their learning, he will have the whole Glory of your Salvation, or none of it; but the hired Clergy must go to the College, that their Learning may help the Spirit of God to know the Scriptures. If Learning be necessary for a Minister why did not Christ chose learned Men to be his Ministers, and not unlearned Fishers. I was not at Shools, as to read the Bible, yet I brag all the hired Clergy in the World, to answer my Books and Epistles, I have proven in them,

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what fignifies their Learning, they carry a Bible to their Kirks which condemns them; it had been good for many of them, that they had never feen the Scriptures; all them who doth not preach according to them, are the Ministers of the Devil, and you who suppose gain to be Godliness, the Spirit of God commands me to withdraw from all such Ministers as ye are, for ye are departed out of the Way says the Spirit, and hath caused many to stumble, says he.

My 2d Question of you hired Clergy, Why have ye such a love to Money? Doth not the Spirit of God say it is the root of all evil; doth he not tell you, that the love of Money hath made you err from the Faith, ye have a form of Godlines, but ye deny the Power thereof; the Spirit of God commands me to turn away from

all fuch Ministers as ye are.

My 3d Question to you hired Clergy, Let me know the Difference that is between you and these Souldiers, who watched God when he was deed; that Believers might live, they took large Money, for to blindfold the Fews, and ye take large Money for to blindfold the Gentiles; it is true what Paul faid, that Money is the Root of all evil: Money hath made the Fews believe that Christ is not risen from the Dead: Money hath made the Gentile World believe that you hired Clergy are the Ministers of Christ; they took large Money to make a Lie, and ye take large Money to deceive the World, fo fays Christ of you, ye are of your Father the Devil, for he is a Liar, and the Father of Liars: Money made the Watch fin against the Holy Ghost; so tays the Spirit, they feared God greatly, faying truly this was the Son of God, and as they finned against great Light, so doth many of the hired Clergy, and all for Money; the Devil contrived that Plot to make that Lie, he made use of the Clergy to Bribe the Sogers, ye hear the Cunneness of the Devil and the hired Clergy, they laid that great Lie upon the poor Sogers, their Pride would not let them be feen in that Plot, and as Lies hath ruined the Jewish Nation, so Lies hath ruined the Gentiles Nations, and all for Money, Judas told Christ for Money, and the hired Clergy hath

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fold the Truth, which is God for Money, for that

Christ pronounces Eight Woes against them.

It was for Money the Scots fold their Nation to the English, and this hath made our Magistrates go from their ownNation to be judged; thehiredClergy hath the cause of it, many of them cried in their Pulpits that the Union would do us good, and all for Money. That Union secured them in their Stipeuds, wo be to their Stipends, for by making up them we ruined our Nation: I say we may as well give the Devil our Money as to give it to the hired Cergy, because they take it expres-

ly against Christs Command.

My 4th Question to you hired Clergy, Can ye prove by the Scriptures that ye came in at the Door, which is Christ, to your Kirks? If ye were capable to prove this, I should be content to burn a Horse-Load of my Books, and my felf in the midst of them, but this neither you nor your King can do, for all the Power you have, I shame you and your King, ye cannot see to answer me, because of the Smoke of the Pit that you came out of, as I proved in my last Book, both you and your Hearers are deceived, and are given up to frong Delusions, that you are made, to believe a Lie, that you all may be damned, because you will not receive the Love of the Truth, for this cauteGod hath fent you frong Delusions, that you are made to believe a Lie. Is it not as plain as A, B, C. That your Hearers are deceived, when we fee fo many Men and Women going to your Kirks, to hear fuch Locusts, and wondering after fuch Beafts, as the hired Clergy are; now we Command you in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw your selves from every Brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the Tradition which ye have received of us, faith Paul.

My 5th Qestion of you hired Clergy, Did you ever receive that Tradition from Christ, or from his Apostles, for to take Money to Preach Christs free Gospel, if ye will not answer me in the Name of God, then answer me in the Name of the Devil your King, for it hath surely been him that gave you that Tradition, all that ye have to say, or can say, or dare say of me, is the Words of your Old Predecessors, these graceles

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Priests, who said to the Officers because they commended Christ, this Felow the Tinclarian Doctor knoweth not the Law, is cursed. Let them say of me what they will, I will not notice them no more nor a Dog's bark, the Spirit of God calls all such Ministers as ye are,

greedy Dogs,

My 6th Question of you hired Clergy, Do ye believe Christ's Words? If ye say you do, I say you are Liars, like your King; he forbids you to take Money for to preach his free Gospel, you hired Clergy will obey the Devil before ye obey God, you hold Christ, as an Hypocrite, as to fay one Thing and think an other, I say that a Man may as lawfully go and hear the Devil preach, as to go and hear any Man who will not preach the Gospel of God freely, as our great Apostle Paul did; this I say also, as the Devil is in the hired Clergy, so he is in them that hires them, I will not say all of them, if a Man walk up to his Light, there is no more required of him; I know that many of these Hirelings, knows the Right and do the Wrong, it is just that they should be beaten with double Stripes. because they prefer Money before Christ. All such Ministers as these, are the Ministers of the Devil, and the Lusts of their Father they will do, saith Christ, because I tell them the Truth they believe me not.

My 7th Question to you hired Clergy, What fort of aBeast is that who hath arisen out of the Sea, that all the World wonders after, or rather out of the Smoke of the Pit? One Scripture must explain another, whether was that Beast you or me; surely it must be you, for the World wonders more after you, nor they do after me, and worships you more then they do me, by their lifting thereHats to you and not to me, so says the Spirit, and they worshiped the Beast, saying, who is like unto the Beast, who is able to make War with him, the Kings themselves are not able to make War against the hired

My 8th Question to you hired Clergy, Whether was it God or the Devil who gave you all that Power, and your seat in your Synagogues or Pulpits, and that great Authority over Kings, and over the Christian World? If we say that it was God who gave you all that Power,

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I fay that it was the Devil who gave you all that Power, fo fays the Spirit, and they worshipped the Dragon who gave Power unto the Beaft, and they worshipped the Beaft; he hear in this Scripture, all that worships the hired Clergy, worship the Devil, so says the Spirit, and the Dragon gave him his Power, and his Sear and great Authourity; the Spirit Names all the hiredClergy in the World as one Man, and he calls him the Man of Sin, fo fays the Spirit, and Power was given him, over all Kindreds, Tongues, and Nations, and all that dwell upon the Earth shall worship him, whose Names are not written in the Book of Life: If any Man have an Ear, let him hear what the Spirit faith unto the hired Churches. I could not Sleep in the Night, I was made to rife in the Night, to reveal God's mind concerning the hired Clergy; ye see your calling Brethren, and who it is that calls you out of Babylon, it is not many wise Men after the Flesh saith Paul, not many mighty: God hath chosen the foolish Things of the World. to confound the Wise, God hath chosen the Weak Things of the World, to confound the Things that are mighty, and Base Things of the World, and Things which are despised as I am. God hath chosen Things which are not, to bringto nought Things that are, which is the Whore of Babylon, or the hired Clergy, which is all one; if Solomon had not written thefe Words, my Books would not been so dispised, so he fays the poor Man's Wisdom is despised, and his Words are not heard, I say it is the hired Clergy that is that Beast who hath risen out of the Sea, or out of the Smoke, of the Pit, that the World wonders after, it cannot be the Quakers, there is few wonders after them: it cannot be the Independents, there is few wonders after them, the Nations are angry at them, Rev. xi. v. 18. Then furely it must be the Poepish Church. the English Church, the Scots Church, they are all oneBeaft, fo longasthey take Money to preach Christs free Gospel, altho he have seven Heads he is but one Beaft.

My, 9th Question of you hired Beasts in Scotland, Why do you chose Sin before suffering? Ye made unlaful Acts, and swore unlaful Oaths, against the Scriptures, all for Money, and to keep you from suffering ye doth not notice Paul's Words, more than a Document

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bark; doth he not fay to you all that will live Godly (in) Christ Jesus shall suffer Persecution, he doth not lay ye may Suffer, but he faith ye shall fuffer; either Paul's a Liar or ye are the Ministers of the Devil, and not (in) Christ; how have ye the Confidence to mount a Pulpit, that hath suffered none; as true as the Scriptures are the Word of God, as true it is, that you who hath choseth Sin before juffering, are the Ministers of the Devil, I believe the Scriptures to be the Word of God, altho' the Devil came to me one Morning when I was making my first Book, and he said to me they are not, but he is a Liar from the Beginning; he makes you believe that ye are Godly Ministers; if ye chance to go to Heaven, ye will go the Way; that never one went would you have two Heavens, now you live as the Rich Glutton who went to Hell, but the Godly must meet with many Troubles, Crosses, Wants and Hunger; if ye be the Ministers of Christ, Peter John and Paul have been the Ministers of the Devil; Peter and John had not a Peny to give a poor Man, Paul was both Hungry, Thrifty, and Naked, observe, We the Ministers of Christ must suffer all these Things unto this present Time, says he: Now hired Clergy what do ye suffer at this present Time, your Practice makes Paul a Liar, now you are exalted above all that is called God fays Paul, that is Kings and great Men, ye are worshipped, ve sit in the Temple of God, and show your selves to be God's Ministers, says the Spirit; they are Blind who doth not see yout o be abominable, and the Ministers of the Devil.

O Lord God Almighty bless and preserve the King and the Queen, and put it in their Hearts to be Infiruments to bring down Babylon, before that be there will be Wars, and Rumours of Wars, because the hired Clergy and the Devil will not part with their long Possession but by Blood, which Constantine the first Christian Emperor gave them; he did it upon a good design as he thought, but he had no Warrant from the Word of God for it, the Devil was too Old for him, he beguiled him as as he did our first Parents

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